

March 28, 2009  
Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J.Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

FPPC Case No. 06/799  
Committee to Elect Susan Goldbeck

Dear Commissioners,

I have signed the attached stipulation but do so under protest and ask the Commission to consider the amount of the fine as being excessive under the circumstances. I have attached a cashier's check in the full amount so as to not run afoul of your staff's instructions.

This fine is related to what amounts to \$600 of unreported third party contributions, other than another \$1,000. of my own money during the period that I did not report which was after the election. . This was out of a \$39,000. total.

Was this an attempt to hoodwink the public or simply as a result of a good faith mistake at a time when my life was going through hell? My treasurer was my mother and mine was a very small campaign as compared to the \$500,000. or so each spent by my opponents.

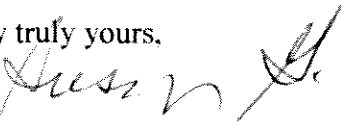
The report in question was in August and in late June I was out of town and had my house completely trashed by vandals to the tune of nearly \$200,000. I had to leave my home and live in a motel for six months.. All my records were gone, my clothes and keepsakes were destroyed not to mention everything else in my home. I had also just gone through major stomach surgery. I had insurance but it left a \$25,000 uninsured shortfall. My life was, to say the least, in turmoil.

I had no intent to deceive or withhold, it was just a mistake. I do not mind paying a fine but to fine me 1/2 of what would be the maximum for this minor issue where no bad intent is involved seems unfair to me.

I have always been a gal who pays her taxes, does the right thing and follows the law. I know I goofed up but to say that my crime was 1/2 as bad as it could possibly get under the circumstances just doesn't seem fair. I ask to you to reconsider not the offense, but the fine. This could not possibly come at a worse time for my family.

Thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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